

Public Information Strategy
For
Aero Instruments Inc. Site -- Mulvane, Kansas

1.0 Introduction

The purpose of the public relations strategy for the Aero Instruments Inc. Site in Mulvane, Kansas is to establish guidelines for planning, scheduling and implementing a Public Information Program (PIP). The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) in cooperation with Midwest Urethane Processing Company will be responsible for implementation of the PIP.

2.0 Background

The Aero Instruments Inc. Site is located at 105 West Main Street in Mulvane, Kansas. Midwest Urethane Processing Company occupied portions of the 105 West Main Street building between 1986 and 1999. Aero Instruments, Inc. occupied the north portion of the building at 105 West Main Street between 1991 and 1992. Aero Instrument Inc. ceased business operations in 1992. The building at 105 West Main Street was destroyed by fire in 1999. Volatile organic compounds (VOCs), predominantly trichloroethene (TCE), have been detected in soil and groundwater samples collected at the Site in a series of investigations beginning in 1999. In 2010, KDHE and Midwest Urethane Processing Company entered into a consent order to conduct a Comprehensive Investigation at the Site.

3.0 Public Information Program Activities

KDHE will be responsible for providing a notice of availability of the Draft Corrective Action Decision (CAD) document and other supporting documentation that serves as the basis for the recommended corrective action. The notice, which announces the public comment period, will be published in the *Mulvane News*. The period allowed for oral and/or written public comment will be thirty days. During the public comment period, KDHE may conduct an availability session to discuss the Draft CAD.

KDHE will prepare written responses to comments received during the public comment period as part of the Final CAD. The Final CAD, as well as other supporting documentation, is available for public inspection pursuant to the Kansas Open Records Act. A notice of the availability of the Final CAD may be published in the *Mulvane News* and/or the *Kansas Register*.

A news release to announce the successful remediation of the Aero Instruments Inc. Site may be published in the *Mulvane News* upon KDHE approval of the Reclassification Plan.

4.0 Public Information Program Schedule

The following is a tentative PIP schedule for the Aero Instruments Inc. Site. Specifically, upon completion of the Draft CAD, KDHE will publish a public notice of availability for this draft decision document and solicit oral and/or written comments during the 30-day public comment period. If an availability session is to be held during the public comment period, KDHE will make announcement of such in this same public notice. Through this process, the general public and other interested parties are given the requisite opportunity to provide input on the proposed corrective action strategy for the site before the CAD is finalized. As described in Section 3.0, the need for any additional news release(s) or availability session(s) related to this Site will be determined by KDHE.